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TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH SECRETARY WEINBERGER

REGARDING SOVIET MILITARY THREAT

There are several areas of concern.

-- ABM deployments, under-ice sub operations, battle-field lasers, etc. We have now completed estimate of Soviet ABM developments.

-- As a result of this analysis, the NFIB recommended that a joint net assessment be produced. General Odom has already volunteered to help.

-- Pete Aldridge believes that the Air Force now must beef up US penetration capabilities in light of the ABM analysis.

Andy Marshall's initial net assessment should be issued simultaneously with the next addition of our strategic estimate (NIE 11-3/8) by the end of the year.

Believe US public debate on defense issues is more on budget concerns than Soviet threat.

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